



CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY U p o n T h i s R o c k

FROM FR. LEO



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas came early this year at St. Matthew, didn't it.

Feliz Navidad!

Although the gift has already been unwrapped, Advent is still a few weeks away while Thanksgiving is upon us. Can we all agree that here, at St. Matthew, we have much to be thankful for?

I'm thankful for my family, my friends, my priesthood and each of you here at St. Matthew. I'm thankful for the opportunity in front of us and for your unconditional support. Thanksgiving is about families. I'm thankful for this parish family and for the capital campaign that we're beginning together.

Gratitude will be a cornerstone in this capital campaign. Our campaign theme, **Continuing Our Journey-Upon This Rock**, is so very appropriate. Here, at St. Matthew, it has been and continues to be a journey together.

Like our Upon This Rock campaign, we'll have events to share fellowship and information. We'll observe Covid-19 guidelines, while making the events fun and informative. Our December events are included in this newsletter.

Prayer will continually lead us on our journey. Our prayer team has written a beautiful campaign prayer to guide us. Consider praying this at home, as a family, on a daily basis.

Communication will be a key component of this campaign. We will be especially attentive to make sure that all parishioners have a clear understanding of the campaign goals and progress.

As always, I welcome your questions, concerns and thoughts about our parish and this capital campaign process.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Leo Rigatuso

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Campaign Theme Chosen
by Ariel Thompsett



The theme for our new capital campaign was inspired by various members of our vibrant Catholic community during our Communications Team meetings.

Through group reflection and discussion, it was agreed that the theme should represent the continuation of our parish journey together. We wanted our faith in Christ to be emphasized in where we came from, where we are today, and where we want to be in the future. Our campaign theme is:

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Our campaign logo is derived from our "Upon This Rock" campaign logo. We felt it was important to represent the continuation of our parish journey by utilizing the logo template from the original theme and incorporating an image of our new church into the logo.

We have kept the original cross and water elements while updating the layout and coloration to further symbolize the transition from old to new.

While we are the same St. Matthew parish, the new church represents a new beginning for us as a Catholic community. Together we are building a future for not only ourselves, but those who will come after us and continue what we have started.

Your Campaign Communications Team

Co-Chairs: Tom Deall, Mary & Rich Lomax, Marylou & Phil McEvoy
Team: Mary Albrecht, Suzi Brunner, Patsy Hart, Rick Holdcroft, Robert Jacober, Norma Kathman, Dave Linbrunner, Barbara Martin, Shirrel Medara, Shaun Richter, Ariel & Tim Tompsett

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

by Susan Tracy

As members of the campaign Prayer Team, we're hopeful that all parishioners will be united in prayer during this process. To aid in creating this unity, we focused on writing a prayer to promote the tenets of our campaign theme Continuing Our Journey – Upon This Rock.

Toward this objective, we shared thoughts that encapsulate our feeling for our St. Matthew parish family. We spent time in prayer, thinking of words, phrases and scripture verses which led to themes for the prayer, which we tried to incorporate within the tenets of prayer.

With our new church, we wanted to incorporate praise and thanksgiving for what God had done for us, with a request for His guidance in our mission to be Jesus' disciples in our community.

This process included a great mixture of individual and group participation, truly inspired by the Holy Spirit. We invite you to join us, in reciting this prayer on a daily basis, as we seek the Lord's guidance in the weeks ahead.

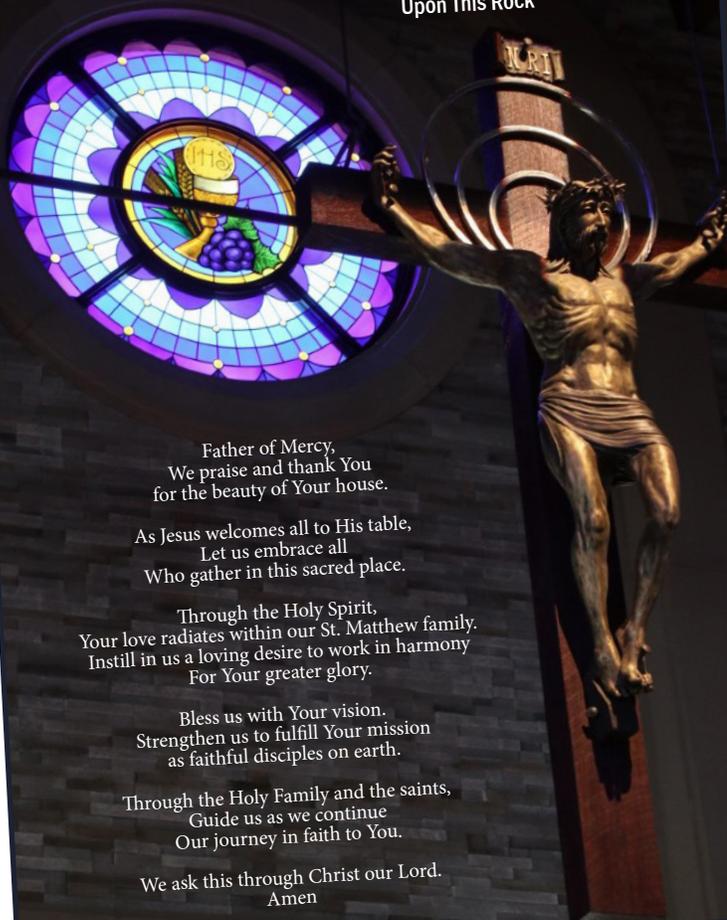
Campaign prayer cards are available in the narthex and the parish and school offices.

Your Campaign Prayer Team

Co-Chairs: Lee Alday, Kevin Todd, Susan Tracy **Team:** Mary Alday, Renee Anderson, Paula Banks, Tim & Terri Burke, Rose Gleisberg, Denny Haun, Kim Hemrick, Kathy Hynes, Linda Janeczko, Betty Johnson, Norma Kathman, Tom Kopp, Nancy Leiber, Dick Lewis, Mark Lockwood, Jane Lukasina, Blaise Martinick, Stephanie Mercer, Tom & Janet Mlnarik, Janice Todd, Andrea Tomlinson, Diane Widhalm, Crystal Wray



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Upon This Rock



Join Us

Please join us for one or more of these parish gatherings. We'll toast the holidays, our new church and our St. Matthew family.

So Sweet, Just Desserts

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:00 pm

Church Narthex



It's All for Jesus

Tuesday, December 8th

After Evening Mass

Church Narthex



In observance of Covid-19 restrictions, we need to limit the number of attendees to each event.

To help us plan appropriately, please RSVP your event(s) and number attending to Jane Lukasina at 402-960-8285 or tiggersnana@yahoo.com or by calling the parish office (402) 292-7418